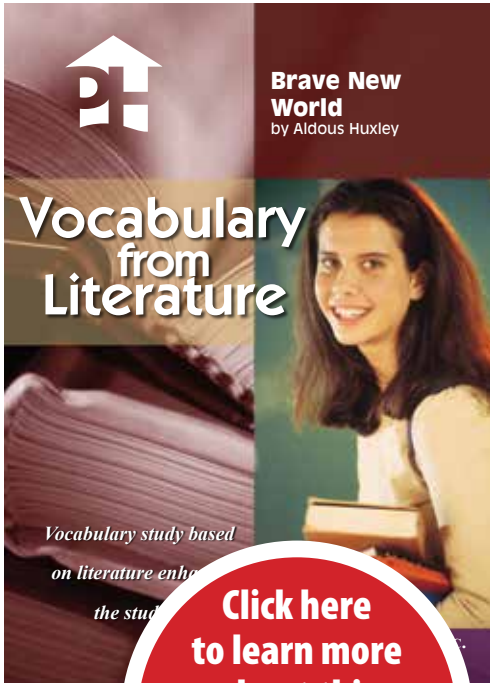




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Activity II
Writing Definitions from
Context Clues
Chapters 1-3

Directions: For each excerpt from these chapters, select the correct definition from the choices provided for each vocabulary word. As a last resort, you may use the dictionary but the definition you select for each word must make sense in the context it is being used in the passage.

1. Only from the yellow barrels of the microscopes did it borrow a certain rich and living substance, lying along the polished tubes like butter, streak after luscious streak in long **recession** down the work tables. (Pg. 3)

Definition for **recession**:

- A. a marching line
- B. a withdrawing or going back
- C. a forward motion
- D. a bump
- E. a gathering

2. Bent over their instruments, three hundred Fertilizers were plunged, as the Director of Hatcheries and Conditioning entered the room, in the scarcely breathing silence, the absentminded, **soliloquizing** hum or whistle, of absorbed concentration. A troop of newly arrived students, very young, pink and **callow**, followed nervously, rather abjectly, at the Director's heels. Each of them carried a notebook, in which, whenever the great man spoke, he desperately scribbled. (Pg. 4)

Definition for **soliloquizing**:

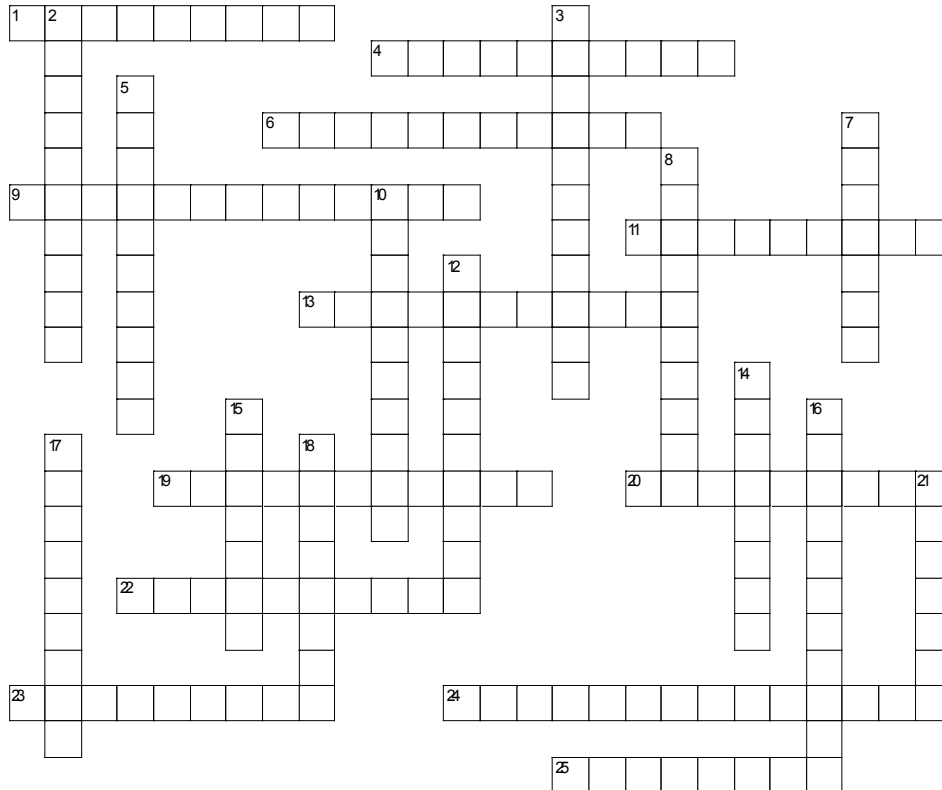
- A. concentrating closely
- B. whispering
- C. speaking aloud to oneself
- D. annoying others
- E. pondering

Definition for **callow**:

- A. lacking maturity
- B. friendly
- C. lacking knowledge
- D. dignified
- E. healthy in appearance

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Activity VI
Crossword Puzzle
Chapters 1-3



Across

1. a belt with small loops for holding bullets
4. after death
6. a charitable gift or deed
9. excessively moralistic; using proverbs or maxims
11. expressing regret over
13. hard to figure out or understand
19. bitterly; angrily
20. large narrow-necked jars
22. giving birth to a live offspring
23. one who takes the place of another; a substitute
24. impossible to overcome
25. excessive emotional expression

Down

2. impaired, often by rage
3. related to basic facts or principles; fundamental
5. stated and assumed something is true
7. most favorable; best
8. to decide upon in advance
10. given assistance, usually financial
12. unnecessary
14. characterized by a hissing sound
15. dirty and horrid; characterized by poverty
16. to multiply rapidly
17. lacking sophistication; artless
18. something that is bothersome; inconvenient
21. to spread throughout

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9. "...Because I never *could* make him understand that that was what civilized people ought to do. Being mad's **infectious**, I believe. Anyhow, John seems to have caught it from the Indians." (Pg. 122)

Definition for **infectious**:

- A. creates confusion
 - B. energizing
 - C. opposite of the norm
 - D. easily passed from one to another
 - E. a current trend
10. Mitsima squeezed and patted, stroked and scraped; and there at last it stood, in shape the familiar water pot of Malpais, but creamy white instead of black, and still soft to the touch. The crooked **parody** of Mitsima's, his own stood beside it. Looking at the two pots, he had to laugh. (Pg. 134)

Synonym for **parody**:

- A. opposite
 - B. duplicate
 - C. inferiority
 - D. version
 - E. spoof
11. Bernard had entered the room and was advancing between the rows of fertilizers toward them. A veneer of **jaunty** self-confidence thinly concealed his nervousness. (Pg. 148)

Definition for **veneer**:

- A. posture, stance
- B. a thin surface that covers another
- C. a friendly greeting
- D. a controlled or restrained response
- E. an attitude

Synonym for **jaunty**:

- A. calm
- B. regal
- C. lively
- D. false
- E. hostile

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- insinuating** – to suggestively introduce a thought
- insurmountable** – impossible to overcome
- intercepted** – interrupted the intended course of
- intravenals** – injections administered directly into the veins
- largesse** – generosity
- luminously** – glowingly; emitting light
- lupus** – a disease that affect skin, joints, and body systems
- maniacally** – characterized by excessive enthusiasm; suggestive of insanity
- maudlin** – sentimental
- monogamy** – the practice of having a single mate or partner
- mutation** – a change in a gene or chromosome resulting in a difference
- mutton** – the flesh or meat of a sheep
- nuisance** – something that is bothersome; inconvenient
- obscene** – morally offensive
- officiously** – unwanted and overly eager; inappropriately
- optimum** – most favorable; best
- ova** – eggs; plural of ovum; the female reproductive cell
- pallid** – pale
- paradoxically** – seemingly self-contradictory; illogically
- patronizing** – with an air of superiority
- peritoneum** – a membrane that lines the walls of the abdominal cavity
- phials** – small containers, usually for liquid; vials
- porous** – allowing gas or liquid to pass through
- posthumous** – after death
- postulated** – stated and assumed something is true
- predestine** – to decide upon in advance
- proliferate** – to multiply rapidly
- prominent** – projecting outward; protuberant
- promiscuous** – not restrictive about sexual partners; indiscriminate
- recession** – a withdrawing or going back
- reluctant** – demonstrating unwillingness
- remorses** – incidents of sadness
- revert** – to return to a former condition
- rigorously** – strongly; emphatically
- rudimentary** – related to basic facts or principles; fundamental
- sadism** – pleasure received from inflicting pain on others
- sententiously** – excessively moralistic; using proverbs or maxims
- sibilant** – characterized by a hissing sound
- slavish** – showing no originality
- soliloquizing** – speaking aloud to oneself
- spasmodic** – occurring in sudden outbursts
- squalid** – dirty and horrid; characterized by poverty
- sterile** – incapable of producing offspring
- stigmata** – marks of disgrace or infamy
- subsidized** – given assistance, usually financial
- suffuse** – to spread throughout
- sultry** – hot and humid
- superfluous** – beyond what is necessary
- surreptitious** – marked by secretive behavior
- surrogate** – one who takes the place of another; a substitute
- syringe** – a hollow needle used to inject or withdraw liquids from the
- triumphantly** – with pride in victory
- truculently** – bitterly; angrily
- utterance** – something spoken
- viscose** – thick
- viviparous** – giving birth to a live offspring
- waggishly** – wittily